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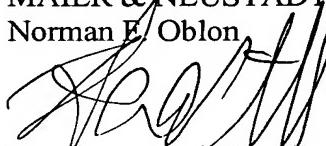
The rejections of Claims 1-4 and 6-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over JP04-253769 (Yasutoshi et al), is respectfully traversed. Octadecane thiol is now excluded from the definition of component (c) of the claims. Yasutoshi et al neither discloses nor suggests any of the remaining members of the component (c) Markush group. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that these rejections be withdrawn.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowability of the subject matter of Claims 10-12 and 14. Nevertheless, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the presently-pending claims in this application are now in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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